

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 824

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to commend Steve Grindstaff for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Steve Grindstaff is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grindstaff is a highly respected member of the Carter County community; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary life, Steve Grindstaff has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, a stalwart supporter of the educational system, Mr. Grindstaff has given much of his time, talents, and treasure to the advancement of local schools. He has initiated an annual award banquet for the top ten percent of students in every Carter County high school, which he has funded completely for the last twenty years, and has provided twenty years' worth of scholarships to the Carter County School System; and

WHEREAS, Steve Grindstaff, a skilled leader, is an integral aspect of his community, as he has served his neighbors in many important capacities, including as Event Chair for the American Heart Association Gala and member of the Chamber of Commerce, where he pays for employees to attend the National Leadership Training Program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grindstaff also contributes to many notable community, church, and civic projects. He donates the use of his company's vehicles to local parades, gives vehicles to the fundraising efforts of Children's Hospital and St. Jude Hospital, is the largest sales tax contributor to Elizabethton and Carter County, monetarily supports the United Way, and sponsors the Miss Johnson City/Miss Jonesborough pageant; and

WHEREAS, a talented athlete who played tackle on the East Tennessee State University (ETSU) football team that defeated Terry Bradshaw's team in the Rice Bowl and is featured on ETSU's wall of fame, Steve Grindstaff avidly supports local sporting endeavors. He is the primary sponsor of the renowned Jason Witten football camp, provides pregame meals for the players of the Elizabethton football team, and furnishes uniforms and equipment for the Boys and Girls Club's baseball and basketball teams; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grindstaff proudly supports his ETSU alma mater, as he raffled a new car at a football game in order to raise attendance and contributes to the school's Pirate Club to benefit sports scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Steve Grindstaff's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grindstaff is an extremely giving person, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Steve Grindstaff is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Steve Grindstaff for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Carter County and Tennessee and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.